#### SPRINGER'S COMMITTEE.

Work Done Yesterday in the irst Controller's Office.

Washisoron, Dec. 17.-In the invitigation of the first comptroller's office sy the Springer committee this morning, Witer S. Weiburn, a messenger in the first conptroller's office, testified in reference to the Florida case in which J. J. Barker was interested. He said that on the 8thof October last he carried some papers to he deputy comptroller and was blotting aem as the deputy was signing his name, hen J. J. Barker stepped up and, engaging the deputy in rectote, said he would do he blotting. The proceeding was unusual and attracted his attention, especially the letraction of the attention of the deputy from the work. It was then that the imprope certificate for \$16,500 in the Florida land cee was handed to him with other received.

to him with other papers.

Judge Tarbell, the depty comptroller, testified in substance to he same circum-

Hon. Charles E. Coon, assistant secretary Hon. Charles E. Coon, issistant secretary of the treasury, testified to receiving Barker's resignation as clerk in the department. He said he knew of no carge against Barker at the time concerning the Florida claim. He had directed his dimissal on account of complaints against Barker by his creditors, many of whom filed tharges against him. "Why did not the department investigate my connection with the Florida case?" asked Barker. "It was placed in the hands of Col. Brooks, chief of the secret service," replied Mr. Coon, "and Co. Brooks has since been Mr. Coon, "and Co. Brooks has since been mick." James H. Day, a clerk in the first comptroller's office, was examined in regard to Barker's handwriting. He pronounced the writing in the 
Florida land certificate to be in the 
handwriting of Barker. Upon cross-examination Barker inquired of witness if he did

nation Barker inquired of witness if he did not have a personal animosity toward him. "Did you not say that if I came into your room you would throw me out at the window?" inquired Barker. "No sir," replied the witness. "Well, what did you say?" "I said if you ever said anything to me about what you were going to do in the Treasury Department when the new administration came in, as you had been blowing about, I wif ad knock you down," replied the witness. Judge Lawrence then offered a number of clerks in his office to disprove the statement of Barker that the clerks in the judiciary division passed upon fraudulent accounts, vision passed upon fraudulent accounts, knowing them to be false, because they did not want to get at loggerheads with their

THE HONORED PREMIER.

superior officers. Among them were Messrs. McMahon and J. H. Wilkinson.

#### A Large Demonstration Given Sir John Macdonald at Toronto.

Tonoxro, Dec. 17 .- The fortieth anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald's entry into public life was celebrated here to-day with great enthusiasm by his supporters. The Premier's arrival in this city was the occasion of a large turn-out of delegates from all parts of the country. During the forenoon the Premier was the recipient of compli-mentary addresses from the city Council and other bodies, At 1 o'clock a conservative convention was held in the Grand Opera-house, which was crowded from floor to ceil-The reception given Sir John was most er thusiastic, and his speech in response, de-bered with all his old-time vigor and in his hoppiest vein, was applanded. A large num-ber of cabinet ministers and other notables surrounded the old chieftain on the stage and joined in congratulating him. To-mor-row evening a banquet will be tendered him in the Pavillion.

### Governor Begole Still Lives.

DETROIT, Dec. 17 .- Governor Begole granted four pardons and commuted the sentences of four convicts, among the latter is the notorious Daniel Van Wagoner, sent to the Jackson prison from Kalamazoo county seven years ago, on a forty-five-year sentence for attempted murder. His sentence now commuted will expire Jan. 1, 1886. His relatives are wealthy and have been persist-ent in their efforts to get a pardon.

### Heavy Mortgage Foreclosed.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 17 .- In the United States Circuit Court yesterday morning Judge Treat heard arguments of counsel on the application for the foreclosure of a mortgage of \$1,000,000 on the St. Louis Ore and Steel Company. The case will be argued by Edgar Lackland, on behalf of certain bond-holders as trustees under the mortgage.

### The McCarthy Manslaughter Case.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 17 .- The testimony in the McCarthy manslaughter case is completed. No witness could testify to an assault. Dr. Tuttle said death might have come from a head or brain trouble. Mc-Carthy testified he slapped Desmond playfully, whereupon Desmond fell and expired. This closed the session.

## There's Millions in It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Captain Eads, who desires to improve Galveston barbor for the Government, will meet a number of Congressmen to-morrow evening and endeavor to persuade them that his scheme will be worth millions to commerce, and that it should be adopted by Congress during the

### Alte Same Meliken Men.

New York, Dec. 17 .- Two hundred Chinese employed in Cassebolt's laundry at Belleville. N. J., after they were dismissed from work last night, entered the laundry building and attempted to kill the foreman, who offended them. Fifty of them will probably be ar-

Winthrop's Recovery Doubtful. Bosros, Dec. 17 .- Up to 12 o'clock to-day the condition of R. C. Winthrop is unchanged. His lungs are builty congested, and his sovery is very doubtful. The physicians by on his great will power and robust constitution to bring him out all right.

### England.

Lospos, Dec. L. - England, in mengnizing the International African Association, acknowledges the right of France to a pre-ference in respect to any of the association's territory which may become alleusted.

### Death of Bishop Fuller,

Hasticrow, Ont., Dec. 17.—Dr. Fuller, Chaubanqua strote will instrume the Thorabishop of Ningara, who some days ago run. a file into his right hazal, emoing gangence-and blood prisming, died from the effects at I o'clock this morning.

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## THE NICARAGUA CANAL

SEN'R VEST NOT PULLED DOWN.

Indian Land Leases-Remonstrances from Cigarmakers A Railroad for the Choctaws.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- A communication was laid before the Senate to-day, from the Secretary of the Navy, in respose to a resolution of inquiry introduced by Mr. Vest. Secretary Chandler replied that orders had been issued to certain civil engineers to visit Nicaragua in order to survey the route for the proposed Nicaragua canal, and these orders had been issued under the general powers of the department to issue such orders for the public interest. The estimated cost of the expedition, in addition to the pay of the officers, was placed at \$1.000 for out-fit and \$1.000 a month during the time con-sumed. Mr. Vest asked that the resolution be printed and gave notice that he should call it up at an early day to discuss the prop-osition that the right rested in any depart-ment of this government to order an expe-dition of this sort without the consent of Congress.

Mr. Dawes brought up the question of Indian land leases. He had received a com-munication from Montana stating that 3,000,munication from Montana stating that 3,000,-000 acres of the Crow reservation were re-ported to have been leased by Indians at one cent an acre, and that threats and bribery had been resorted to for this purpose. He found no record of any such Lase in the In-terior Department and deemed it incredible that such a lease could have been entered into. Without desiring to cast any censure on the Secretary of the Interior, he must insist that it was the duty of the department, and not of Congress, to maintain a supervisand not of Congress, to maintain a supervision over these matters, and that whatever wrongs were committed could not be excused by the statement that they were committed without the sanction of the Interior Department.

Mr. Van Wyck introduced bills regulating passenger and freight rates on railroads and telegraphic rates west of the Missouri river, and providing that they should not exceed the average rates east of said river to the seaboard.

A large number of additional remon-strances from cigarmakers all over the country against the ratification of the Span-

ish treaty were received.

A resolution offered by Mr. Dawes calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for all information in his possession with regard to leases of land for grazing purposes on the

Crow reservation was adopted.

Mr. Brown reported favorably a bill granting right-of-way for a railroad and telegraph line through the Choctaw and Chickasaw reservation to the St. Louis & San Francisco Kanroad Company.

#### A DESPERATE BOY.

#### Makes a Nefarious Attempt to Murder His Mother.

SCRIBA, N. Y., Dec. 17 .- George Jones, a worthless youth, became angry and cursed his mother a few days ago because she refused to longer give him money to support him in idleness. In her absence he rigged up a shot gun on a rafter and connected the trigger with a fine cord, so arranged that when she turned the crank of the clothes wringer the contents of the gun would be discharged at her. When she returned she was about to resume her work of wringing out the clothes, but a neighbor's child who had come in to borrow soap, noticed the twine running up to the ceiling and asked what it was for. This caused the woman to glance up, and saved her life. The boy came in soon after, and on seeing her exclaimed with an oath, "Are you alive yet?" He knocked her down and kicked her about the floor until the neighbors, summoned by her screams, rushed in and rescued her. The boy is under arrest, charged with attempting to kill his mother.

### Another Anarchist Confesses.

LEIPSIC, Dec. 17 .- The trial of the anarchists for plotting to blow up the Emperor and his companions at the dedication of the German statue was resumed to-day Reinsdorf, who had heretofore denied complicity in this particular outrage, finally admitted that he conceived the plot. He began an impassioned oration in defense of anarchist methods, but was frequently interrupted and snubbed by the judge. The subject of Reinsdorf's re-marks was that since the freedom of the working classes could be accomplished only by violent measures, the end justified, and even sanctified, the means.

## The Chicago Election Frauds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- Melville E. Stone. editor of the Daily News, has preferred a charge against W. J. Gallagher that he forged a tally sheet of the second precinct of the Eighteenth Ward, making it appear that Rudolph Brand (Dem.) had a majority of ten votes for State Senator in the Sixth Legislative District. Gallagher has been arrested. The trials in connection with the frauds began before Judge Blodgett in the Federal Court yesterday. Gleason was allowed until to-morrow to plead, and the rest mode motions to quash the indicaments, which will be argued Friday.

### Cracks in London Bridge.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- A closer examination of London bridge by experts to-day has revealed 13 different cracks from seven to 12 inches long in the granite at the lower pert of the buttress of the bridge at the place where the explosion occurred. The damisged spot resembles a pane of glass with
starred cracks. The foundation of the bridge
is sound. Several good photographs of the
bridge were taken to-day from various points
of view. The river above and below the
bridge is being dredged in the bope of finding some remnant of the explosive substance.

### The Aged Quaker Post.

Assument, Masa., Dog. 17,-To-day is the seventy seventh birthday of the post Whittier. A large number of friends called on him to extend their congratulations on the occasion. Whittier is spending the winter partly at Oak Keoll. His erset form shows that the years have sat lightly upon him. Some of the schools read selections form his work. To morrow avening the Whitter

#### .... More Miners Out of Work.

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THE TRIAL OF HOLCOMB.

#### Testimony of Hucthinson and Two Hired Girls.

JACKSON, Dec. 17 .- The defense of the Holcomb trial for the Crouch murders put Geo. Hutchinson on for cross-examination. Witness told Dan Holcomb on the morning of the tragedy that everybody had their throats cut. That was what witness understood from Boiles. Henry White and witness sold hogs together November 21 at Horton. White had the draft and said to witness that day that he had some money and could let witness have some if he wanted it. Witness saw Polley at Horton that day, but did not

see him have any money.

Ella Shannon never asked two people who Baker was since the trial began. The boots witness found in Judd's and Foy's room were old boots, and witness knew they were Judd's by the raised heel. Didn't remember if there was a bloody handkerchief among

the clothing.

Nettie Snyder worked ten days at Dan's after the murders. Went away on Saturday. Ella Shannon came on Sunday. Had charge of the room where Ella Shannon found the bloody clothing. Saw nothing that was un-

usual in the room.

The court ruled that witness couldn't state anything about the bloody clothing. On cross-examination said she saw nothing behind the chest. Swept there three times

behind the chest. Swept there three times after the murders.

A number of other questions were asked witness, which she was disposed to answer, notwithstanding the court's ruling.

The defense finished the cross-examination of witnesses this afternoon. Nothing new came from it. Then they asked that the testimony of several witnesses be struck from the record. Montgomery said that Prosecuting Attorney Gibson had, in his opening speech, declared that he should bring proof on thirty different points, and he had shown proof on only twenty-one, and the remaining nine were not all proven. and the remaining nine were not all proven. He asked the court to instruct the jury to disregard the twenty-one points, as not proven. If the court does this, the prosecution will have nothing left of their case. The matter was held by the court under ad-

#### "The Sweet Bye and Bye."

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17 .- In the State Senate yesterday Senator Fallygant began humming "The Sweet Bye and Bye," and as his voice unconsciously rose higher and higher, those nearest him joined in, until the attention of all present was attracted, whereupon business was suspended and the entire Senate sang the familiar tune through. The arrival of the hour of adjournment and the falling of the presiding officer's gavel closed the impromptu concert.

#### Bold Canadian Burglars.

TOBONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.-Several places here have been entered by burglars recently, and in each case the intruders left cards with the names "Dick Turpin," "Paul Pry" and "Boston Bill." Meeday night some persons entered Mr. Allen's house, taking jewelry worth \$2,000. They sent a notice to the detectives a month ago that they would rob a house on Macul street on Monday, but the detective of the detection of the detecti the detectives thought nothing of it until Mr. Allen reported the burglary.

### After Many Years.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Dec. 17 .- Twenty years ago Telespero Aquilla stabbed and killed Antono Castello in the streets of Corpus Christi. Aquilla escaped into Mexico, where he lived for over fifteen years. Recently he returned to this city, thinking his crime had been forgotten. Yesterday the Grand Jury found an indictment against him for the murder committed in 1864. He was at once arrested and remanded without

### Poisoned Candy Seized.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Samples of highly colored yellow, blue, red and green candy made by seven manufacturers in New York city for the holiday trade were submitted to the board of health by Dr. Edson, with an exhaustive report showing the result of anal-ysis that proved the sweetmeats to be colored with rank poisons, including chrome yellow. Heavy seizures of poisoned candy will be

### Death of Lord Cholmondeley.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- W. H. H. Cholmondeley, third marquis of Cholmondeley and Lord Bocksavage, is dead. He was a Conservative member of the House of Lords, owned 33,337 acres, and his possessions and rentals brought him in about \$200,000 a year. He married a daughter of Bt. Hon. C. Ar-

### A French Victory.

Panis, Dec. 17 .- A dispatch from Hanoi received this afternoon states that 3,000 Chinese troops made a desperate attempt to capture Chu, but after severe fighting were completely routed by the French garrison occupying the place. The Chinese loss is put at eight hundred killed and the French at thirty-four killed and wounded.

### TRADE AND FINANCE.

### New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. Money closed easy at 1% per cent. Exchange closed quiet at 4.81%@4.85%; actual rates 4.80%@ L81 for 60 days, and 4.84% #4.85 for demand.

Governments closed firm; currency 6's 126 bid; 4's coupons 123% bid, 4%'s 113% bid. Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows: Union firsts, 11315 to 114; do, land grants 10614 to 10614; do, sinking funds, 118 to 119; Centrals, 1123; to 113. Lackawanna, Delaware & Hedson and Western Union were the features of speculation or the Stock Exchange this morning.

#### New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

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## ALL ABOUT ARSENIC.

LEARNED DOCTORS TESTIFY.

A Witness Calls a Lawyer an Insulting Puppy-The Undertaker Gives His Testimony.

There were more spectators in the court room yesterday than any day before since the trial began. Dr. Duffield again took the stand and described the symptoms of different kinds of fever in response to re-direct examination by the prosecution. Dr. Duffield said that a person suffering from cerebo spinal-meningetis would be afflicted with a severe pain in the head and would soon have to take to bed; also there would be pain all over the surface of the body and the patient would be drowsy and, when awake, would answer questions like a drunk-

awake, would answer questions like a drunken man; there would be convulsions and the
head would be thrown back. In that disease
there is no burning of the stomach or throat;
leucorrhæ would not produce initation of
the stomach; Bright's disease would produce
puffiness of the eye, and also dropsy; the
symptoms described in the hypothetical
question indicate a case of irritant poisoning;
some physicians might suspect only arsenical
poisoning; arsenic is an irritant poison.

Re-cross—Straining of the bowels is a
symptom of arsenical poisoning; there is
also a burning and scalding sensation; if
there was an absence of burning in the
throat my answer of yesterday would be
weakened; if arsenic had been administered
in sufficient quantities to produce the symptoms of arsenical poisoning for nine days
prior to death, I should expect to find traces
of the poison in the muscles, of the calves of
the leg, and in the brain; should say the
spasms described were nervous spasms.

Re-direct—Have not seen the process used
by Prof. Prescott in the analysis made; we
barely get traces in the brain by using the
whole of it; the different forms of arsenic
would produce the same symptoms if administered during life; there are two forms

would produce the same symptoms if ad-ministered during life; there are two forms of arsenic, the soluble and insoluble; the amount found would indicate the form in which it was given; a mere trace is only found in the brain when it is of the unsoluble form; deem some of the symptoms described by Mr. Marston material in

arsenical poisoning.

Dr. Prescott was then re-called; could not tell whether the arsenic found in the body was put there before or after death; in re-sponse to the hypothetical question the doctor said that the symptoms indicated

irritant poisoning.

Cross-examined-The symptoms indicating definitely arsenical poisoning were those of May 2 and 3; merely suspicious symptoms on April 25; there was thirst with the vomiting and diarrhea on that day; these symptoms are liable to occur in other diseases: the symptoms in the throat on May 2 strengthens that suspicion; usually the pain in the rhoea it would cause me to modify my answer very much: usually in arsenical poison ing there are bloody passages towards the last; if the diarrhoea did not appear in the question, but on the contrary costiveness exquestion, but on the contrary costiveness existed except where medicines were given to relieve it. I should modify my answer; if on the day of her death the patient desired a pressure on her stomach, and experienced relief therefrom, my answer would be modified somewhat; if there was no burning constriction of the throat I should miss quite an important symptom: I consider the matter of relief afforded by vomiting of minor importance; the absence of thirst would lessen the strength of the group of symptoms; I should expect difficulty in urinating in such a case; I should expect this after the diarrhosa had developed: the attendant would learn of this by finding a scantiness of urine, or by hear-ing the patient say she was unable to pass

Recess until 1:30.

### Afternoon Session.

Dr. Prescott was called in the afternoon, and subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Mr. Marston, the main intent of which was to discredit the reliability of his testimony, and the basis upon which he had formed an opinion relative to the case in

Dr. Gundrum was recalled and Mr. Mc-Garry read the hypothetical question, which has already been mentioned, concerning the period of Mrs. Millard's illness and describing the symptoms as related by the other witnesses. In reply to this question the Doc-

tor replied that these symptoms indicated that she had taken an irritant poison.

Cross-examined—I have had two cases of arsenical poisoning before; never assisted in drafting the hypothetical question; in reply to the question asked by Mr. Marston as to whether he was a graduate of Buchanan's University the doctor said: "Mr. Marston, you are an insulting purpoy and if you were

you are an insulting puppy and if you were out of court I would lick you."

Re-direct—Am acquainted with the disease known as pernicious fever; in this locality the two varieties most likely to occur are the algid and comatose; the symptoms indicated in the hypothetical question do not indicate pernicious fever.

Mr. Mitchell here read the testimony of

## Coroner Johnson. Dr. Edwards testified—Live three miles and a half from Palo; knew Mrs. Millard and the respondent; called there on the 27th of April. '82; asked her a few general ques-tions; did not examine her closely enough to

Cross-examination—Did not examine her closely enough because Dr. Pray and Dr. Eplay were attending her; Millard called me in to get my opinion as to whether she would recover; did not have any conversation with the other doctors; she was very weak and nervous at that time; did not form any opinion as to the disease she was suffering

Re-direct-Did nothing but ask her a few general questions. THE UNIONTAKER.

Ira Joffreys, recalled Respondent came to see me within half an hour after the death of his wife. He asked me to get some arsenic and make a solution with which to preserve the body. He wanted it to preserve the body with until he get an outfit from Detroit; get him five concess of strychnine, and just it into a testile with some rain water, was present at the post marters of water, was present at the post mortem ex-amignation; heard a conversation between respondent and Mr. Davis post before they went to the grave; Mr. Millard crossession at that time; Mr. Millard had made his statement and wanted mr. in the possession at that time; Mr. Millard land made his statement and wanted me in make trine me that he could see how they would expressed; was at the grave when Mr. Millard came to me and I consecuted in go and make a statement of what I had drange of the forecast the collin was purchased of the

## clerk of Mr. Millard's; it was the same night Mrs. Millard died; between 9 and 10 o'clock. Cross-examined—I testified at the examin-

Cross-examined—I testified at the examination and the former trial.

Re-direct—Aunty Percival showed me where to get the dirt about the house; don't remember the time of the year; know when I got the dirt; it was after the examination;

cannot state the month.

Re-cross-Could not say whether it was before or after the second disiterment of

#### A. E. HALDERT RE-CALLED.

A. E. Halbert, re-called—Remember the last sickness and death of Mrs. Millard; I sold Jeffreys some strychnine on the 9th of May; sold him five grains; it was about sun-

Cross-examined—Don't know that I ever made any mistake in putting up medicine. SUSAN PERCIVAL.

Susan Percival—Live in New York State; lived in '82 at Palo: was a clerk; remember the last sickness; knew the respondent; Halbert weighed the strychnine on the 9th of May and I wrapped it up; Jeffreys purchased it; this was about 6 o'clock in the evening of May 9.

I. S. Dement—Reside in Ionia; occupation stenographer; I took the notes on the former trial; Mr. Ford of this city took the respond-ent's testimony; objection to witness read-ing these notes was sustained.

DE. DUFFIELD AGAIN. Dr. Duffield recalled and the hypothetical question with an alteration in date was read to him. The doctor said the change would not indicate any change in his opinion and that the symptoms indicated irritant poison-

THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

The Prosecuting Attorney of Ionia county, was called to the stand. Was Prosecuting-Attorney in 1882; had conversation with respond at the day the body was exhumed; Coroner Johnson and the Sheriff were present; went to the bank and told Millard we had come to Palo to take up the body of his wife. Here a question was asked regarding what the respondent said in the interview between him and Mr. Davis and the Sheriff respecting their object in taking up the body of respondent's wife and the charge against said respondent as to the cause of her death was objected to by Mr. Marston, and the court withheld ruling until this mornin. The court then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

#### RAILROAD NOTES.

E. A. Treadway is out of the city on busi-ness for the Blue Line.

C. K. Wilber, traveling agent for the Union Pacific, is in the city.

The Flint & Pere Marquette Railway will erect a new passenger depot at Flint.

G. E. Gill, general freight agent of the G.
R. & I., is in Cincinnati on business. The Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western has been extended from Bessemer, Mich.,

west to Norwood, six miles. L. W. Campbell, of Chicago, traveling Paul road, was in the city yesterday.

Lumber thieves have been making inroads upon the Grand Trunk yards at Battle Creek, and the company has been obliged to

Jas. T. Schultz, general agent of the Michigan Central and Chicago & West Michigan roads, is taking a trip over the northern branches of the latter on business. An advance in the rates on lumber and tenth-class freight to New York and Boston went into effect yesterday. The tariff on lumber to New York will be on a basis of 35 cents, and to Boston 37 cents per 100

## THE EXPOSITION.

pounds.

#### A Rainy Day and Fewer Visitors Present Yesterday.

New ORLEANS, Dec. 17 .- The exhibitors at the Exposition did an immense amount of work to-day. The Government and State commissioners are getting their displays in order. A number of States which had nothing done yesterday presented a creditable appearance to-day. In the Nebraska buildappearance to-day. In the Nebraska building will be a monument of corn, to be an exact counterpart of the Bartholdi statue. An evening paper states that admission fees were paid at the gates yesterday by 35,000 people, and 10,000 went in on invitations. The attendance to-day is light owing to a continuous rain. Gov. McEnery has tendered to all representatives of States and foreign countries a reception at the St. Charles Hotel to-night.

### In Defense of a Lady.

MOBERLY, Mo., Dec. 17 .- Edgar Richmond a lawyer residing in Huntsville, the county sent of Randolph county, shot and killed Clifton Kerby, a well-to-do farmer residing in this county, yesterday evening in Huntsville. The killing grew out of some uncomplimentary remark made to Richmond concerning a lady in attendance at a ball at Randolph Springs about a week ago. Kerby, in defending the lady, went into the young man's office at Huntsville yesterday, and probably demanded a retraction. After some hot words Kerby left, when Richmond armed himself and followed Kerby into the streets, where he shot him three times.

### Rumors of a Strike.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17 .- It was reported to-day that a general strike of telegraphers throughout the country would be inaugurated by the operators here to-night or to-morrow. It has been impossible to run the ramor down to a reliable source. The operators are naturally disgusted at the recent reductions, but none of them, so far as known, have stated a determination to strike. The manager here knows nothing of the rumor, but does not believe a strike will take place.

### Hog Cholera in Nebraska.

OMARA, Neb., Dec. 17 .- The Republican oublishes advices from thirty-five counties of the State concerning the ravages of hog cholera. Thirteen counties report an epi-demic of the disease, ten its existence in a mild form, and twelve as thus far free from the scourge. Sary county reports that the hogs have all died. The loss in that county is estimated at \$70,000. The nature of the disease is too little understood to permit of the cure of the animals.

### Has it or Has it Not?

Longon, Dec. 17 .- The Pall Mail Gazette states that Portugal has ceded Delago Bay to Germany. Details have not yet been learned. It is believed the object of Germany in obtaining possession of this bay is to further the designs of Prince Bismarch in regard to Entitland and the Transvani.

Learness, Dec. 17.—The Pall Mall Garette's dispatch announcing the ression of Delagon liny to Germany by Portugal, is officially design.

## ssismarck Made III.

Reseas, Dec. 11 .- The West African Concence did not sit to day awing to the ab mos of the President, Prince Rises,

Our store will be open every evening until Christmas

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